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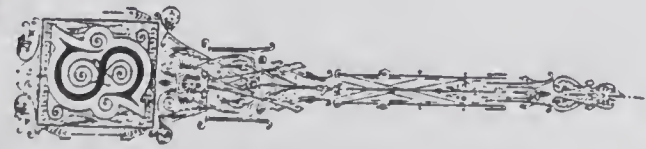
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All new finds will be
published in *Scrip Talk*
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been recorded.

COMMENTARY

We would like to issue an open invitation to all members to attend the N. S. C. A. show at Pikeville, Ky., on April 23rd and 24th. If you have never attended one of these, you are in for a really great experience. Walter (Doc) Fletcher does an excellent job of hosting and arranging these shows. It is a great opportunity to meet other collectors and buy, sell and trade. Friday evenings is spent by most going from room to room visiting and trading. Saturday offers a full fledged bourse room where many advanced collectors and dealers offer thousands of tokens and other collectibles for sale and trade. It is a golden opportunity to acquire rare and scarce items for our collections. An award banquet with door prizes is held on Saturday evening, followed by a brief business report and the N. S. C. A. floor auction. This is a real fun event. Ya'll come now, ya hear.

Happy hunting,
Jim Medd



EDITOR'S REPORT

As I was adding another new member to the membership roll, I noticed that we are only 83 members short of having 2,000 members entering the ranks of the NSCA since 1972. While most are no longer active members, only two have been loyal and dedicated members for 27 years. They are R. R. Tippy, member 0002 and Honorary Life Member 0002 and Harold Snodgrass, member 0006. I think they deserve special recognition and thanks from everyone for their loyal service.

I would like to introduce each of these early members with a short biography.

R. R. TIPPY

R. R. Tippy began scrip collecting in the early 1960's after working many years in the coal industry for Peabody Coal Company. Born in Cartersville, Illinois shortly after the turn of the century, "Tip", as his is known by his many friends, first worked in Southern Illinois for Peabody and later transferred to Peabody's Kenvir, Ky. operation, home of the famous Great Heart Coal. He later moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee and retired, returning to his old home town of Cartersville, Illinois in 1990.

Along with one of the early founders of NSCA, Fred Lange, Mr. Tippy organized the first meetings for scrip collectors in Williamson, WV in the late 1960's. Later, in 1972, he helped the late Paul Whitaker organize another meeting of scrip collectors in Harlan. That meeting was the genesis of the NSCA which was officially formed later that year.

Mr. Tippy became the second member, second President, and the second Honorary Life Member of the NSCA, Inc. He has served in about every capacity within the governing body of the organization and has been a 27 year supporter.

HAROLD SNODGRESS

Harold "Corkey" Snodgrass can trace his collecting of coal company scrip back to 1969. Born at Stotesbury, WV, "Corkey" worked for a brief period in the local coal mines. With the outbreak of W.W.II, he served in the Pacific Theater. Returning home after the War, he went to work in 1945 with the C & P Telephone Company, retiring in 1984. He resides at MacArthur, WV.

Harold joined NSCA as member number 0006 in 1972. He began collecting one dollar tokens and later changed to collecting sets of scrip. His collection numbers over 2,000 sets from all states, the worlds most comprehensive collect of sets of coal company scrip known today. Harold served as Vice-President for a number of terms and one term as President in 1989. He has been serving again as Vice-President since 1995.

A heartfelt salute is extended to these two pioneer scriptors for their long and dedicated service to the NSCA.



NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Our 27th year

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND BOOK ORDERS

(Membership runs from January 1 through December 31)

Please complete this convenient form and forward with payment to:

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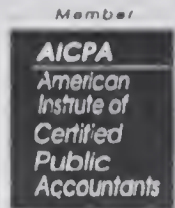
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CINDY A. BOBELL

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT



Compilation Report

Board of Directors
National Scrip Collectors Association, Inc.

I have compiled the accompanying Statement of Assets and Net Assets of National Scrip Collectors Association, Inc. as of December 31, 1998, and the related Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Assets for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

As described in Note 1, National Scrip Collectors Association, Inc. prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Cindy A. Bobell
Certified Public Accountant

March 1, 1999

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NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND NET ASSETS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

Assets

Cash:

General Checking Account	\$	1,898
Book Fund Account		6,579
Lifetime Membership Account		3,264
Inventory		14,950
Property, Plant and Equipment:		
Equipment		3,954
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(896)

Total Assets \$ 29,749

Unrestricted Net Assets \$ 29,749

4. The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

Unrestricted Net Assets Revenue		
Auction Commissions	\$ 501	
Book Sales	7,531	
Dues/Membership Income	4,383	
Interest Income	471	
Memorabilia	1,423	
Miscellaneous Income	1,460	
Total Unrestricted Revenue		15,769
Expenses		
Books	2,479	
Depreciation Expense	712	
Insurance	180	
Inventory Write-off	1,672	
Memorabilia	1,920	
Miscellaneous Expenses	640	
Phone & Postage	3,385	
Printing and Publishing	2,630	
Prizes/Gifts	146	
Show Expenses	1,657	
Total Unrestricted Expenses		15,421
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		348
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		29,401
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	29,749

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National Scrip Collectors Association, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The National Scrip Collectors Association, Inc. was organized on October 21, 1972 for all persons interested in collecting tokens from coal, lumber, manufacturing, other industries and related memorabilia and paraphernalia, or in conducting historical scientific research and education with regard thereto. The National Scrip Collectors Association, Inc. became incorporated on May 6, 1994.

A. Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, revenues are recognized and recorded in the accounts when cash is received. In the same manner expenditures are recognized and recorded upon disbursement of cash, except for inventory which is recorded at cost and expensed as it is sold

B. Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, Financial Statements of *Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS No. 117, the association is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. Classification is determined by donor or grantor requirements

C. Cash

Cash is on deposit in federally insured institutions and the total balance of \$11,870 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation as of December 31, 1998 (Category 1). The balances as of that date were as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Book Balance
General Checking Account	\$ 2,027	\$ 1,898
Book Fund Account	6,579	6,579
Lifetime Membership Account	3,264	3,264
Total	\$ 11,870	\$ 11,741

D. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to expenditures as incurred, whereas significant renewals and betterments are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful life. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method with useful lives as follows:

Equipment 5 years

E. Inventories

Inventory is valued at cost.

Note 2 - Change in Fixed Assets

A summary of property, plant and equipment at December 31, 1998 follows:

	Balance 1/1/98	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/98
Equipment	\$ 2,554	\$ 1,400	\$ 0	\$ 3,954
Less Accumulated Depreciation				896
				\$ 3,058

Note 3 - Functional Expenses

All expenses incurred during the year are considered to be program expenses.

Note 4 - Application for Exempt Status

National Scrip Collectors Association, Inc. has applied for exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service and is currently awaiting their response.

20,000 COAL COMPANY STORES

By: W.C. Stump

This reference book was the end result of hundreds of hours of research by one of the founders of the NSCA, Gordon Dodrill. First published in 1971, this great reference book has not been available through the Association for many years until now. The information contained is invaluable to collectors of coal company scrip and researchers of coal mining history. This book can provide valuable information, but the reader must understand its limitations.

Noted Scriptor and researcher, Crawford Blakeman, in an article printed in *Scrip Talk* (See Volume 25, June Issue 1998, Number 92), pointed out the limitations of the use of this reference. He stated, "It is my belief that a large number of scrip collectors, new and old, do not understand fully the scope of Gordon Dodrill's *20,000 Coal Company Stores*. Dodrill did not primarily intend to list coal mines as such; as the title of the book states, 'COMPANY STORES', not mines." A great many mines issued scrip that didn't have a company store and Dodrill failed to list mines because his main source of information, the *Keystone Directories*, did not have these mines listed. Therefore, if Keystone omitted a mine with a company store, Dodrill had an omission in his book. However, despite its limitations, *20,000 Coal Company Stores* is a must to any scrip collectors library.

The book may be ordered from the NSCA book listing. Take note of the price of this great reference book. One will see that it is worth many times the asking price and could not be produced and sold at the price of \$10.00 at current production costs.

COIN-CURRENCY-POSTCARD-SCRIP SHOW

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NOTICE! TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Fellow Collectors,

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I have elected to advertise all my holdings, including my personal Kentucky Scrip Collection, my Ky. Lumber Tokens, and other Kentucky tokens including Merchant, Misc. Coal Co. Tags, and other memorabilia that has consumed a part of this 20 year collection.

I will also have my personal Pocket Watch Fob collection available to anyone who may be interested, and if still available I will have a MINT Hamilton, 16 size, 21 jewel, Model 992-B Railroad Special pocket watch with a Montgomery dial, along with a Boston Link Simmons watch chain, (vest type).

I would like to sell my Kentucky Coal tokens intact, if possible, and I would be willing to make a \$5000.00 sacrifice below my cost with the surrender of entire collection. There are many sets, some unique, and many, many pcs. from the great Paul Jensen collection. At last count I had over 300 R-10's. Kentucky counties include pcs from: BREATHITT, CARTER, CLAY, FLOYD, JOHNSON, KNOTT, LAWRENCE, LETCHER, MAGOFFIN, MARTIN, MORGAN, PERRY, POWELL, PIKE, WOLFE, AND BOYD Counties.

I will have this collection available ONLY TWO DAYS at the Pikeville meet in April. Due to a prior commitment I will be at the Pikeville Show on Thursday April 22, 1999, and April 23, 1999. I apologize to anyone who might be interested for the inconvenience, and a later date may be arranged for serious inquires even it means traveling on my part. All appointments made will have priority.

Yours very truly,

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MEMORIES OF LIFE IN A COAL CAMP

By: W. C. Stump

A few years ago I wrote a book entitled *Memories of a Coal Camp Kid*. I told the story of my life growing up in the old Wilson-Berger Coal Camp located at Grays Knob, Ky. In my book, I wrote about the coal camp kids I grew up with, one in particular was Franklin Delno Hall. Frank and I grew up together, attended both secondary and high school, and have been life long friend for over fifty years. I recommended Frank as a member of NSCA in 1994 and recently asked him to share with our readers some of his early memories as a Coal Camp Kid. The following two articles gives a touching look back to the days of life in a coal camp as seen through another "Wilson-Berger Coal Camp Kid". I am sure will enjoy his stories as much as I did.

FOR MY ENJOYMENT

(Memories of My Youth in a Coal Camp)

By: Frankin D. Hall

I have always counted it a blessing to be born and raised in a coal camp. The Lord blessed us with loving parents. I don't remember my dad; he was killed by a rock fall in the mines when I was only sixteen months old. From the time I can remember, there was a vast amount of true love in

our home coming from The Lord through a willing mother to her children.

From time to time, I receive flashbacks. These allow me to recall special times that reassure me of God's presence and

plan for our lives. The main memories that come back to me are usually the ones when we were living at Grays Knob, Ky. Leave U. S. 421 at Marler's Cafe, cross the "Big Bridge" and turn right down the first lane and we were the third house down on the right. We lived there from about 1948 through 1958. From the time I was 8 until I was 17.

I recall cutting the kindling and gathering the creek coal. Creek coal was found behind the rocks and stumps after we had experienced hard rains and high waters and the water had receded. The water came

through coal that was in someone's yard, coal that was on a coal company's property, or coal that fell from the coal trains as they traveled the tracks around the curves on the mountains. The railroad as well as the highways have

many curves in our mountains, and because they usually follow rivers, this coal was washed free of oil and loose impurities and it made a hotter fire than regular coal and always burned into a fine powder. It would always burn the grate in the wall or grates of the stove faster than regular coal. I recall that Momma, sister Janice, and myself actually gather many tons of this creek coal. As we gathered this coal, we were always looking for aluminum, copper, or pieces of iron that we would gather and put it in the corner of our yard until we had enough to sell. This was a supplement to our income that was very meager.

Memories return also of the times we would pick blackberries and sell them to buy sugar and then a couple of days later, we would pick again and Momma would can the berries, make the jam and jelly and leave a large bowl of the berries and juice so she could stir in a cup of sugar and put these over some big "cat head" sized biscuits. By the way, us kids are aware that she made the best biscuits in the world as

she was undoubtedly the best cook in the world. She was the best at keeping our clothes and our home mended which enabled us to be proud.

FOR MY ENJOYMENT

(More Memories of my Youth in a Coal Camp)

We lived in a coal camp house, but it was kept clean and I was required to keep anything that the wind might carry underneath the house raked out, as well as keeping the grass cut with a weed sickle and keep the grass pulled from our fence rows. Mom was always a believer that cleanliness was next to Godliness. We had few clothes, but they were kept clean as Momma would wash clothes two or three times a week. There was lots of dust in the lane, but Momma or Janice scrubbed the front porch two or three times a

week also. Sometimes I can smell the old home place.

I often recall that our restroom was not in our home, but was out in the corner of the property. There was no water until about 1954. We would carry all our water from a community pump near the house. We never had a bathroom or hot water in our house until I came back from the Navy in 1961.

The old home place was built on rock columns which left approximately two feet of crawling space. It also allowed the cold wind to come under and keep the floors and the house very cold. Those features brings more thoughts of another way for me to remember Momma.

"Slack" was a slang description of fine coal remnants and some dirt from the bottom of the coal heap that would not burn fast, but would usually keep hot embers in the grate until early morning. The first one up was usually Momma and she would take the poker and stir up the embers and lay some larger coal on top and there would be a hot fire in just a few minutes.

The last thing after our baths, taken in a number three tub, we would "bank the grate" with some "slack", sweep the hearth remnants under the grate and one at a time, my sis and I would warm our pillow from the grate as Momma would warm a towel. We would run to the bed, put our head on the warm pillow, and Momma would wrap our feet with the warm towel and

"tuck" the covers around us. Janice and I were the last two of nine children and Momma had done the same for the others.

What a blessing to have had access to this kind of care and love. There's no wonder we can say that the good times outweighed the bad. These are just a few more things that I'm allowed to recall now and then "For My Enjoyment."

December 12, 1998

NEW FINDS FOR APRIL

1. TN - FORK RIDGE COAL & COKE CO./FORK RIDGE./ UL R-10
TENN. IO47 G5 BI 21mm Rd Sd Good For
(Center Missing) In Merchandise.
2. TN Same as above IO47 GIO BI 24mm Rd Sd Good UL R-10
For (Center Missing) In Merchandise.
3. TN Same as above IO47 E25 B 25mm Rd Sd Goof For/ UL R-10
25/In merchandise.
4. TN RELIANCE COAL & COKE CO./HARTRANFT/TENN. UN R-10
I247 E50 Np 27mm Rd Co (ICS)
5. TN BRYSON MT. C. & C.. CO./Serial I247 GIO UN R-10
Serial No./IO/Store/1905/Hartranft,Tenn.
Bryson Mt. C. & C. Co./store/1905/
Hartranft, Ten./Wright Cinti.O. B 20mm Sq Sd.
6. TN ROYAL COAL & COKE COMPANY/MDSE/IO/ UN R-10
COAL CREEK, TENN. B 20mm Rd Sd.
7. WV 5/L. E./STONE I735C5 A 20MM Rd Co -(No UL R-10
Pat. Pend or Pat) Master Metal Scrip.
8. IL223 YOUNG/MERCANTILE/COMPANY Good R-7 or lower
For/1/Cent/In Trade- Paper, Sq. 30mm.
NOTE: a small hoard recently surfaced.

A SPECIAL THANKS!

On behalf of National Scrip Collectors Association, Inc., I would like to offer a special thanks to W. C. (Bill) Stump for the extreme effort he has put forth in the last four years in serving as both President of the association and Editor of *Scrip Talk*. Not an issue of *Scrip Talk* was missed even during the experience of waiting for and finally receiving and surviving a heart transplant. The wit and light touch (I particularly have enjoyed "The Phantom") have added another dimension to our publication. I know I speak for the entire membership in saying that we are looking forward to further contributions of your pen!

Jim Medd

ADJUSTED ADVERTISING RATES FOR 1999

The following rates are now in effect.

THE QUOTES ARE BASED ON A 8 1/2" X 11" PAGE.

Single issue (Camera ready only)	Annual Contract (Camera ready only)
Full Page-----\$20.00	Full Page-----\$120.00
Half Page-----\$12.00	Half Page-----\$ 65.00
Quarter Page-----\$ 7.00	Quarter Page-----\$ 35.00

NOTE: Ad may be changed at any time during the year.

The rates are based on six annual issues of *SCRIP TALK*. Single issue advertisements must be submitted by the 15th of each preceding month. All advertising must be prepaid with payment being made to the NSCA, Inc., P. O. Box 444, Loyall, KY 40854-0444.

FREE ADVERTISEMENTS TO MEMBERS STILL APPLY.

EARLY ASSAULT ON USE OF SCRIP

By: W. C. Stump

My earliest recollection of the word scrip came from my father. He was always complaining off being "scrip bound" and always owing the company store for scrip. I learned the value of scrip and the penalty of its use as a young lad of about seven years of age. But, as I grew to fully understand what scrip was and how it "bound" my father, I can see why the use of scrip is now part of the coal mining past and was hated by so many and praised by others. It never crossed my mind why the use of scrip by coal and lumber companies came to an end in the middle 1950's, but after becoming an avid collector of the "company money" and researching its origin, use, and abandonment, I was under the impression that it came to an abrupt end. However, I have learned that the challenge to its use began many years ago and was a gradual process.

Almost a year ago Rees Kinney presented me with information concerning what was, at the time, a simple civil action filed in the Muhlenberg Circuit Court in the late 1930's against a coal company brought by an individual over the fact that the coal company refused to pay face value for scrip the company issued. I somehow misplaced this information and was supplied with it again by Steve Cawood who was contacted by Rees after reading an article written by Steve last year. Both Steve and Rees are attorneys at law and students of Kentucky coal mining history. Mr. Kinney supplied copies of Muhlenberg Circuit Court records that covered this case.

The story of the Muhlenberg scrip challenge was somewhat personal for Rees Kinney. In 1966 he began his practice with Sam Jarvis who was the attorney representing the plaintiff in the Muhlenberg civil suit in 1936. According to Rees, "Sam Jarvis acknowledged to me that at the time of the filing of the action he was simply a young, hungry lawyer who had found a paying client and had no idea of the widespread ramifications which this case would ultimately have. This was an interesting action and does have historical significance (especially to scrip collectors)."

The controversial story began when the plaintiff, Ellis Underwood, owner of a general merchandise establishment at Beech Creek, in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, having received the sum of \$303.75

in scrip issued by the Kirk Coal Mining Company, also of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, and attempted to redeem the scrip for cash at face value at their company store. The coal company refused to redeem the scrip for cash and was informed by the Vice-President and General Manager, Morton Jones, that it would be necessary for him to use the scrip in making purchases at the Kirk Coal Company's Store if he expected to realize anything of value from the scrip.

Mr. Underwood, a business man in his own right, refused the coal company's offer and filed suit asking for the full face value of the scrip plus 6% interest. The case was a bench trial (without the intervention of a jury), before Circuit Judge Clarence Bartlett and it was determined that the plaintiff, Mr. Underwood, took scrip issued by the Kirk Coal Company, from a number of employees of said company, for merchandise at his establishment at \$.80 on the dollar, or in fact credited these employees only \$243.00, not the \$303.75 as was the face value of the scrip.

Other interesting facts are found in the "MEMORANDUM OPINION" of the Circuit Court. Judge Bartlett pointed out that in the Kentucky State Constitution, Section 244, "All wage-earners in this state employed in factories, mines, workshops or by corporations shall be paid for their labor in lawful money. The General Assembly shall prescribe adequate penalties for violation of this section." He further stated that in 1924, the Kentucky General Assembly enacted what was then Section 4758b-1, Baldwin's 1936 Revision, Carroll's Kentucky Statute that required employers "Who may hereafter issue any scrip" or other evidence of debt, in any form, for labor shall redeem same in cash or legal tender at face value at least once in each month on a regular pay day from any person or persons, firm or corporation who may present the same for payment."

Judge Bartlett also stated that the above mentioned statute provided that in the event the amount paid for scrip is less than the face value, the residue of the face value thereof shall be credited on the books of the employer to the employee to whom it was issued and "said employee shall be entitled to receive same on any regular pay day of said employer." Finally, Judge Bartlett stated that the 1935 revision of the statute authorizes "employers of labor to issue on request as a medium of credit in payment for labor performed or for labor to be performed "non-transferable scrip, tokens, drafts, orders or coupons, payable and redeemable in merchandise only by the employee to whom issued." He explicitly

points out in his opinion that such scrip "shall be construed in all courts to be a promise to pay the employee to whom issued in lawful money of the United States or check upon demand and surrender by said employee of such scrip or any unused portion thereof at such regular settlement day when the same would have been due in cash had not the scrip been issued."

The traditional practice adopted by most employers issuing scrip and having their own company store was not to redeem their scrip in cash but only in merchandise at their company store tended to be, as stated by judge Bartlett, "a forceful handicap which effectively beats down the market value of scrip and has a tendency to create a monopoly. Because if an employee cannot exchange his scrip for its face value in merchandise in the general market, he is obligated to turn to the employer issuing the scrip who may charge as he pleases." In short, the employee became "scrip bound" or had to discount the value as did those employees at Ellis Underwoods's establishment for 20% loss in value.

Judge Bartlett cited another landmark case, *Carrs Fork Coal Company V. Johnson Drug Company*, 249 Ky. 371, that reflected on the constitutional issue at hand. The ruling by Judge Stanley was, "that scrip or took as regarded by the Statute as evidence of an advancement of wages, is transferable, and must be paid in lawful money, else its issue could not be allowed."

When the smoke cleared in the Muhlenburg Circuit Court, the final decision was that the plaintiff, Ellis Underwood, would recover the sum of \$243.00, with interest of 6% per annum from the Kirk Coal Company, supply the names of company employees whom he had purchased scrip from, and the amount paid each. The defendant, Kirk Coal Mining Company, was directed to credit the account of each employee who was paid 20% less for his scrip by Ellis Underwood. It is ironic, but, but in retrospect, the Court's decision was probably the first recorded instance where the coal miner actually came out on top, or as Steve Cawood stated, "For once the coal miner got his money's worth."

Although this landmark decision didn't immediately end the use of scrip or change the evils of the coal barons, it did cause many companies to abandon the use of scrip. Rees Kinney stated that after the decision in this case was handed down that Sam Jarvis began hearing stories that 'all' scrip from a particular mine had been

unceremoniously disposed of by throwing it into the Green River, dropping it down an airshaft into an abandoned mine, or melting it down. This case effectively ended the use of scrip in Muhlenberg County". However, it would take another twenty years for the use of scrip to come to an end altogether. It is just one of the overlooked stories that make up the legacy of the coal miners struggle against the oppressive "Coal Barons" and the hardships imposed on the miners by being forced to use the "company money" for so many years.

INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS CONCERNING FREE BOOKS TO BE GIVEN BY NSCA TO LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, AND COLLEGE LEVEL SCHOOLS.

President Jim Medd has requested the Book Committee to handle the mechanics of getting NSCA surplus books into Libraries, Museums, and College Level Schools. The following rules are listed subject to approval by the Executive Committee:

1. Requests by individual members for donation to particular libraries, museums, schools and numismatic organizations should be sent in writing to the Book Committee, Crawford Blakeman, Chairman, P.O.Box 536, Middlesboro, Ky., 40965. All requests should name the organization to receive the books and provide the proper address.
2. It is expected shipping costs will be paid by either the recipient or the member requesting books. In many cases it is assumed the requesting member might care to deliver the books personally. Details should be worked out with the Book Committee.
3. Requesting members are expected to obtain a receipt from the organization receiving the books and provide same to the Book Committee. It is the intent of the Committee that any and all books be properly accounted for. No member should profit from the generosity of NSCA.

COVER FOR APRIL ISSUE OF *SCRIP TALK*

Scriptor Tom Shook provided material and idea for this issue's cover of *Scrip Talk* and noted Harlan County, Ky., artist, Earl McKinney, Jr., provided the completed art work depicted.

If anyone in Scripville has an idea or drawing they would like to see used on the cover of future issues of *Scrip Talk*, please send them to the Editor.



N.S.C.A. FREE ADS FOR MEMBERS

Free Ads are available to N.S.C.A. members at no charge. The only requirements being that they be limited to 4 lines, one ad per issue. You may send up to four different ads in one mailing. Deadline for Free Ads is three weeks after the postmark of the current issue of **SCRIP TALK**. All ads received after the deadline will be held for the following issue. No ad will rerun automatically, each issue will require a separate request. Paid ads should be sent to **SCRIP TALK** Editor and NOT the Free Ad Editor. **SEND ALL FREE ADS TO: Steve Ratliff, N.S.C.A. Free Ad Editor, 3450 Riverview Drive, Pace, Florida 32571-8602** or E-mail Tokens@worldnet.att.net *{Note: + at the end of your ad indicates you need to renew it.}*

WANTED: SCATTER TAGS, coal company stickers, and coal company patches. **Brian Overbee, 33 Faith Lane, Smilax, KY, 606-279-577, email boverbee@hyden.tds.net +**

WANTED - TENNESSEE COAL TOKENS from Cartwright, Crab Orchard, Crawford, Oneida, Orme, Spencer, Turley, and Whiteside. **Jim Medd, 110 Braddock, Crossville, TN 38555 +**

WANT TO BUY - INGLE SYSTEM MAVERICKS. Please send description and price. 828-883-8028. **Bob King, 33 Cardinal Drive, Brevard, NC 28712**

OKLAHOMA WANTED: Cameron Coal Co.; Henryetta Coal & Mining Co.; Hickory Coal & Mining Co., Tulsa; Peter Adamson Coal, Tulsa. **Johnny L. Satterlee, 6922 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73116, 405-755-5804, email jdsatt@telepath.com +**

FLORIDA TOKENS WANTED - Florida tokens of all types wanted. Send 55¢ stamp for free sample of Florida Token Society's newsletter, **TOKENews** and request free Florida token. **Steve Ratliff, 3450 Riverview Drive, Pace, FL 32571-8602, Tokens@worldnet.att.net +**

MORE AND MORE SCRIPTORS ARE USING THE CONVENIENCE OF EMAIL TO SEND THEIR FREE AD IN. SEND YOR FREE AD TO: Tokens@worldnet.att.net

WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE - Tokens, pictures, books, and other paraphernalia from Maryland Coal Mining. Please send description or inquiry to: **Charlie Walker, 12703 Old Legislative Road, Frostburg, MD 21532 +**

WHERE WAS YOUR AD IN THIS ISSUE? Don't delay, send in your ad today and start getting results with the next issue. With this issue you can run auctions in the Free Ad section and paid ads in other sections. **SEND IN YOUR AD TODAY -- DO NOT DELAY!**

A REMINDER, "+" AFTER YOUR AD MEANS IT IS TIME TO RENEW

NEW MEMBERS FOR APRIL

The following individuals are welcomed to the ranks of the NSCA, Inc.

**1917 Howard Fortune
502 Holt Avenue
Mt. Sterling KY 40353**

**1918 Clifford Mishler
700 East State Street
Iola WI 54990-0001**

**1919 Ike Patterson
166 Long Avenue
Whitesburg KY 41858**

NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MAIL/FLOOR AUCTION SALE

SALE NUMBER 99-1 - PIKEVILLE, KY.

CLOSING DATE FOR MAIL BIDS: APRIL 15, 1999

MAIL TO: PEGGY KOENIG

AUCTION COORDINATOR

205 S. MAIN STREET

FORT BRANCH IN 47648

Lot ID	Description	Rarity	Minimum Bid
1. AL481C1	Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron	R-7	8.00
2. AL1191A25	Southeastern Fuel Co.	R-9	17.00
3. AL1191A50	Southeastern Fuel Co.	R-8	10.00
4. AL3065C1	Vintson Mercantile	R-8	10.00
5. IL371A10	Brereton Mercantile Co.	R-7	8.00
6. IL371A25	Brereton Mercantile Co.	R-7	8.00
7. IL371A50	Brereton Mercantile Co.	R-7	8.00
8. IL1309A50	Yuill Bros. Mercantile Co.	R-6	35.00
9. KY213A50	Shearn Coal Co.	R-7	10.00
10. KY213E1	Shearn Coal Co.	R-7	10.00
11. KY219A10	Benito Supply Co.	R-8	20.00
12. KY417A1	The Consolidation Coal Co.	R-7	10.00
13. KY525B25	Felker Brothers Sixth Vein Mine	R-6	10.00
14. KY535C1	The Johnson Supply Co.	R-8	20.00
15. KY841B1	The Beaver Coal & Mining Co.	R-10	75.00
16. KY856A100	Central Coal Co.	R-8	20.00
17. KY965D1	The Central Elkhorn Co.	R-7	13.00
18. KY965A50	Wells/Elkhorn Coal Co.	R-9	30.00
19. KY965B1	Wells/Elkhorn Coal Co.	R-8	20.00
20. KY975G25	Sugar Camp Mining Co.	R-8	20.00
21. KY975G25	Sugar Camp Mining Co. Mint	R-8	25.00
22. KY975G50	Sugar Camp Mining Co.	R-9	30.00
23. KY975G50	Sugar Camp Mining Co. Mint	R-9	30.00
24. KY1055D10	Belva Stores Co.	R-6	10.00
25. KY1055D25	Belva Stores Co.	R-6	10.00

26. KY1204A5	Louisville Property Co	R-9	30.00
27. KY1204A10	Louisville Property Co	R-9	30.00
28. KY1355B25	Gorman Coal Sales Co	R-8	10.00
29. KY1405A25a	Southern Mining Co.	R-6	10.00
30. KY1405A50	Southern Mining Co.	R-6	10.00
31. KY1405A50	Southern Mining Co.	R-6	10.00
32. KY1405C10	Southern Mining Co.	R-6	10.00
33. KY1605J5	Home Supply Co.	R-6	10.00
34. KY1655B50	Sagamore Coal Co.	R-9	30.00
35. KY1683A25	Cornett Lewis Coal Co.	R-7	15.00
36. KY1683C10	Cornett Lewis Coal Co.	R-7	15.00
37. KY1751E50	Majestic Collieries Co.	R-7	10.00
38. KY1777A100	Williams Coal Co.Inc	R-7	15.00
39. KY1855A1	The Consolidation Coal Co.	R-7	15.00
40. KY1897K5	Kentucky-Tennessee Coal Co.	R-8	18.00
41. KY1897K10	Kentucky-Tennessee Coal Co.	R-8	18.00
42. KY1897K50	Kentucky-Tennessee Coal Co.	R-8	20.00
43. KY1897A5	Mingo Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	20.00
44. KY1897C5	Mingo Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	20.00
45. KY2228B25	Bryant Bros.	R-9	30.00
46. KY2363B50b	The Proctor Coal Co. Rnd Br	R-8	30.00
47. KY2391A1	Greenrock Coal Co	R-10	70.00
48. KY2541B10	Marlowe Coal Co.	R-8	20.00
49. KY2655E10	Majestic Collieries Co.	R-1	8.00
50. KY2655E25	Majestic Collieries Co.	R-1	8.00
51. KY2757A5	Darb Fork Coal Co Orco I	R-9	24.00
52. KY2893G5	Harlan-Wallins Coal Corp.	R-7	15.00
53. KY2893H5	Verda Supply Co.	R-8	20.00
54. KY2893I10	Sunshine Gro. Co.	R-8	20.00
55. MD 695	Stanley Coal Company, Inc 7pc Mixed Set		
	B5,25,50,100,500 D1,10	R-5-R-9	150.00
56. MD1829A1	Three Forks Supply Co.	R-9	20.00
57. MD1829A5	Three Forks Supply Co.	R-8	15.00
58. MD1829A25	Three Forks Supply Co.	UL	30.00
59. MD1829A100	Three Forks Supply Co.	R-9	30.00
60. MD2902A1	Vindex Supply Co.	R-8	12.00
61. MD2902A10	Vindex Supply Co.	R-9	10.00
62. MT2469A25	The Winton Trading Co.	R-8	10.00
63. MT2469A50	The Winton Trading Co.	R-8	10.00

64. ND2891A5 Truax-Traer Lignite Coal Co.	R-6	10.00	103. TN2663A10 Sterling Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	10.00
65. ND2891A25 Truax-Traer Lignite Coal Co.	R-6	10.00	104. TN2825A500 Tennessee Consolidated Coal	R-8	15.00
66. ND2891A100 Truax-Traer Lignite Coal Co.	R-7	15.00	105. TN3017L500 Tennessee Products Corp.	R-9	25.00
67. ND2891B10b Truax-Traer Lignite Coal Co.	R-6	10.00	106. TN3017M500 Tennessee Products Corp.	R-9	25.00
68. OK401A5,10,25,100 Mc/Alester Coal Mining	R-7	150.00	107. VA1193B100 Rush Fork/Comissary	R-6	7.50
69. OK469A100 Carbon Coal Co.	R-7	8.00	108. VA1611C1 Va. Iron, Coal, & Coke Co.	R-7	12.00
70. PA1643A500 Lincoln Hill Supply Co.	R-9	20.00	109. VA1611C5 Va. Iron, Coal, & Coke Co.	R-8	18.00
71. PA2345A100 A.W. Zimmerman & Co.	R-7	10.00	110. VA2255110 Pocahontas Fuel Co. Inc	R-7	15.00
72. PA3060A100 (Somerset)	R-10	30.00	111. VA2495D10b United Collieries, Inc	R-8	18.00
73. TN5011I25 The Diamond Coal Mining Co.	R-6	6.00	112. WA2813B5 Washington Union Coal Co.	R-6	6.00
74. TN5011I25 The Diamond Coal Mining Co.	R-6	6.00	113. WA2813B25 Washington Union Coal Co.	R-6	6.00
75. TN501J100 The Diamond Coal Mining Co.	R-6	6.00	114. WA2813A500 Washington Union Coal Co.	R-7	10.00
76. TN557J10 Cleage-Wills Coal Co.	R-7	15.00	115. WVA83E5 Amigo Coal Co.	R-6	6.00
77. TN557J25 Cleage-Wills Coal Co.	R-7	15.00	116. WVA189H500a General Stores Division	R-6	8.00
78. TN557J50 Cleage-Wills Coal Co.	R-7	15.00	117. WVA265C1 Kingston-Pocahontas Coal Co.	R-10	25.00
79. TN557J100 Cleage-Wills Coal Co.	R-7	15.00	118. WVA899D500 Upland Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	10.00
80. TN557J50 Cleage-Wills Coal Co.	R-7	10.00	119. WVA1517H1 Houston Collieries Co.	R-10	25.00
81. TN557J100 Cleage-Wills Coal Co.	R-7	10.00	120. WVA1553M500 Wyatt Coal Co.	R-9	20.00
82. TN577B25 Standard Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	15.00	121. WVA1555B1000 Lamar Colliery Co.	R-10	30.00
83. TN557B25 Standard Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	20.00	122. WVA1583A500 Greenwood Coal Co.	R-6	8.00
84. TN577B50 Standard Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	15.00	123. WVA1747D500 Robinson Run Store	UL	25.00
85. TN577B100 Standard Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	15.00	124. WVA1943110 Consolidation Coal Co.	R-7	15.00
86. TN611A5 Sewanee Coal, Coke & Land	R-6	7.50	125. WVA2389C1 E.C.Minter Coal Co.	R-8	20.00
87. TN611A10 Sewanee Coal, Coke & Land	R-6	7.50	126. WVA2389D1 E.C.Minter Coal Co.	R-8	20.00
88. TN611A25 Sewanee Coal, Coke & Land	R-6	7.50	127. WVA2389A500 E.C.Minter Coal Co.	R-9	20.00
89. TN611B10 Sewanee Fuel & Iron Co.	R-6	7.50	128. WVA2389G500 E.C.Minter Coal Co.	R-8	15.00
90. TN611B25 Sewanee Fuel & Iron Co.	R-6	7.50	129. WVA2389H100 E.C.Minter Coal Co.	R-8	12.00
91. TN755A50 Straight Fork Coal Co.	R-6	6.00	130. WVA2415L25 Sunbeam Cash Store	UL	25.00
92. TN755A100 Straight Fork Coal Co.	R-5	10.00	131. WVA2415L50 Sunbeam Cash Store	UL	25.00
93. TN1045C50 Fork Mountain Coal Co.	R-6	6.00	132. WVA2661D100 Buckeye Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	15.00
94. TN1047E5 Fork Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	20.00	133. WVA27111100 The New River Co.	R-7	15.00
95. TN1047E10 Fork Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	R-7	15.00	134. WVA2771A50 Thacker Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	10.00
96. TN1047C100 Rennebaum Coal Co.	R-5	10.00	135. WVA2771C1 Thacker C.&C. Co.	R-8	10.00
97. TN1247C5 Mingo Coal & Coke Co.	R-7	15.00	136. WVA2771A25a Thacker Coal & Coke Co.	6pc	
98. TN1133C25 Glen May Coal & Coke Co.	R-8	10.00	(1-perfect, 1-one die break, 4-two die breaks)	R-6-8	40.00
99. TN1950A25 Moore Coal Co.	R-6	6.00	137. WVA2771A50 Thacker Coal & Coke Co.	R-7	8.00
100. TN1977A5 Motch Coal Co. Inc.	R-6	6.00	138. WVA2771C1 Thacker C & C Co.	R-5	4.00
101. TN2209C25 The Diamond Coal Mining Co.	R-6	6.00	139. WVA3013H25 Blue Star Store Co.	R-6	6.00
102. TN2209F5 Diamond Coal Co.	R-?	25.00	140. WVA laeger Scent River's Bend	UL	12.00

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PLEASE USE AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY

MEETING REGULATIONS PIKEVILLE, KY. APRIL 24, 1999

If you want a table(s) at the NSCA meeting to be held at the Landmark Inn on April 24th, 1999, please send this reservation form with a fee of \$15.00 per table to Shiela Medd, Secretary, no later than April 15 1999. A free banquet ticket will given to each table holder.

If you plan to attend the evening banquet, a fee of \$15.00 will be required.

Our host, Walter Fletcher has a special activity planned for Friday evening April 23, 1999. Of course, "Room Hopping" will also be on the Friday evening agenda.

Name: _____ Address _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I plan to attend the NSCA, Inc. meeting on Saturday, April 24, 1999 at Pikeville, Ky., at the Landmark Inn _____, the evening banquet _____, and I need _____ tables. I also plan to bring _____ guest(s).

NOTE: I, the undersigned, a member in good standing of the NSCA, Inc. agrees to assume full responsibility for all actions of my guest(s) and will assure that they obey all the rules of the NSCA, Inc. _____.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you plan to attend the Pikeville meeting, and want either a table or to attend the banquet, please send in the above reservation form NOW. We need to know the number planning to attend to finalize the plans and avoid confusion caused by last minuite arrivals.

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